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1. "Radio Listening: There was practically no radio listening in Flog.

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Mr. Hasanholi Mydin

He operated the radio on battery, because there is no electricity
in Flog. Mydin used to listen to programs for the whole village, and re-
port to his friends what he had heard. He told them about the 'ILIR' program
He was arrested by the Sigurimi (State Security)
in 1952.

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2. "Land Situation: There was no collective farm in Flog. All the peasants had
their own private farms of up to 10 or 11 hectares. There were collectives in other
villages and in Korçe, but it was difficult to form one in Flog because of its moun-
tainous terrain.

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[redacted] Floq has a population of 120 houses [redacted] and only 10 of these were inhabited by Commun-

ists. Some of them are as follows:

a. Osmo Emini: the 'Kryetar' (Party Secretary) of Floq. [redacted]

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[redacted] He functions as the spy of the Korce Sigurimi. He used to specialize in finding out which peasants had concealed arms, and then ordering the Sigurimi to search the house. [redacted]

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[redacted] He was hated by the people. (His brother was also a Party member, and worked in a sugar factory in Korce.) Osmo Emini was an unofficial police force in himself. The Sigurimi accepted his recommendations for arrest. The Communists have had a lot of difficulty with this village; [redacted] there must be a considerable number of concealed arms still in the village, which might, one day, be used against the Communists. [redacted] there are [redacted]

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[redacted] hides in the village. (Emini obtained his position through his espionage activities during the Axis occupation.)

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b. Rushan Retrefi was another of the Floq Communists: [redacted]

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c. Ali Ramadani, [redacted] was a Party member. He was employed in the Sigurimi offices at Korce, and was a spy for the Korce and Floq districts.

d. Neki Bektashi was the 'Sekretar' (Secretary) for the Communist Party in Floq; (in the Albanian Communist Party 'Sekretar' is a lower position than 'Kryetar');

[redacted] He specialized in rounding up anti-Communists and sending them as 'volunteers' to State labor. He sent a number of people to work on the notorious canal in the Malik marshes, which caused so much suffering. Others were sent by him to work on the Elbasan-Pegon railway line. Following are the Albanian citizens sent by Bektashi to 'volunteer' labor. They are all anti-Communists:

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Muharem Hysen	- to Malik
Ismail A. Meri	- to Elbasan and Malik
Muhamed Refat	- to Elbasan
Ramadan Ademi	- to Elbasan and Malik
Reziq Asani	- to Malik
Hesen Bali	- to Malik
Dervish Hyani	- to Malik
Hadji Muhamed	- to Elbasan

These people worked for varying lengths of time, up to six months.

e. Ali Mesiri was another hated Communist in Floq. He was 'Kryetar' of the Communist Party at Floq, [see above: 'Kryetar' Osmo Emini. Are there two?]. [redacted]

[redacted] His specialty was control of farmers' quota deliveries. When a farmer said that he did not have enough to give, Mesiri would send the militia of Floq to search the house.

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f. Neki Sali is the Floq 'Drakurar' of the Communist Party. He works with Ali Mesiri against the peasants. [redacted]

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3. 'Militia: The Floq militia consisted of only two or three men. The Sigurimi man in charge in Floq was Sabedin [redacted]. The militia operated on orders from the Party.

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4. 'Communist Personalities in Korce:

a. Emin Gashere (which means Emin from the village of Gashere, but this is the name by which he was known in Korce) is the 'Kryetar' for the Communist Party for the whole of the Korce district. In 1951, in about August, when the authorities were having difficulties with the peasants' quotas, he came with a truckload of Sigurimi from Korce and called all the Floq peasants into the streets where he told each one of them how much corn he was to turn over. When the peasants said that they did not have that much corn, he ordered the militia into the houses to confiscate all the corn they could find.

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The peasants with whom he had difficulty were arrested. They were: Hasan Daliqi, Sadik Belliciku, Haxhi Muhameti, Osmond Tairi and Alder Malushi. All were imprisoned in Korce for several weeks, until they decided to forfeit their produce to the State. Emin Goshove

carried on in the above manner in all the villages around Korce until he obtained what he wanted.

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b. Pandi Dilka was another important member of the Korce Communist Party. He also came to Flog to persuade the peasants to hand over their produce, using the same means as did Emin.

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c. Repi Cifligu, was another influential member of the Communist Party of Korce. He operated as did the two above.

d. (fnu) Panajati, was the Secretary of the Albanian Labor Party (Communist) of Korce.

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e. (fnu) Nazi, was a member of the Albanian Labor Party at Korce.

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f. Vanko Boboshtice approached the women in an attempt to persuade them to make their husbands hand produce over to the State. Eventually, he confiscated all the corn in the village and took it to Korce.

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6. "Muslim (Moslem) Church at Flog: The Moslem Priest, Istref, always stayed in the 'Djambi' alone, because no one in the village dared to go to church. On the door of the 'Djambi' itself is a sign which reads: 'Do Not Go To Church'. Istref did not rub this sign out. The old people attend church only on religious festival days, about once every six months.

7. "Concentration Camps: Tirana, Teneleze, Burrel and Gjinovaster are well known.

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one which may not be well known: it is situated about 15 kilometers from Peshin, on the left of the road leading from Elbasan to Pegin. it was not large. It was used for the families of Albanians who had escaped. They worked the land at the camp. The camp was not unlike the Trieste Refugee Camp, save for the fact that the inmates could not leave the Pegin camp.

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8. "Anti-Communist Organisation: Cani Ademi, of Flog,

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9. "Albanian Troops: An Infantry Regiment was assigned to Korce; it was billeted in the Gjomardh village area during the summers, and in Korce during the winters. These Albanian troops were much better armed than the Yugoslav troops.

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